



**Meeting Minutes for Meeting on:
March 4, 2024**

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Board Members Present:

Colleen Valley

Duane Taddei

Jeff Gowing

Joe Tucker

Sherry Duerst-Higgins

Tammy Hodgkinson

Taylor Wilhour

Student Representatives Present:

Victor Rodriguez & Laura Sisson-Cottage Grove High

Call to Order and Flag Salute

Board Chair Taylor Wilhour called the meeting to order and led the flag salute at 5:32 pm.

Public Welcome

Chairman Wilhour welcomed the public and reviewed the Agenda.

Consent Agenda (Action)

1. 2-5 Draft Minutes
2. 2-26 Draft Minutes
3. Retirements, Resignations, New Hire, LOA
4. Renewal/Non Renewals for 2024-25
5. Extension/Non Extensions for 2024-25

Board Member Duerst-Higgins motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, with Board Member Taddei requesting items 4 and 5 be removed for discussion. Mr. McCasline explained the extensions and non-extensions in further detail. Board Member Wilhour seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Public Comment

Danny Hensen- spoke as a Community, Staff, and Union Member on Payroll issues.

Sherry Yoss- spoke on the petition she has created, giving a rough count of signers and starting a non-profit to assist her with the efforts.

Audrey Stepp- spoke on the payroll as a current teacher.

Stacy Campbell- spoke on payroll issues and support as an Educational Assistant.

Ruby Davey- spoke about her experience with payroll issues.

Lisa Sherman- spoke on her experience as a veteran teacher and issues with benefits/payroll.

Sarah Jones- spoke on benefits/payroll issues and shared her experience.

Bonnie Sano- signed up to speak on “words”.

Reports/Discussion

Click the link above to view all Representative Reports in detail.

1. Student Representative Report –Cottage Grove High students shared upcoming events.
2. OSEA Representative Report –Not Present
3. SLEA Representative Report – Ms. Quindry spoke on payroll issues.
4. Family Resource Update- Ms. Murphy and Ms. Canales, with some of their team support from the audience, updated the Board on their support for the community during the January Ice Storm. The connections they shared with Disaster Relief Organizations helped the Cottage Grove Community immensely, it amazed

Administrative Reports/Discussion

1. Superintendent Update—Mr. McCasline gave the Superintendent Report emphasizing the work on Payroll issues this past week, particularly the conversations with PERS. The upcoming discussions will be with American Fidelity. He ended the report by stating we will repair the lack of trust and continue to update the staff.

2. Business Office Update—Ms. Gowing and Ms. Doland presented the Board with a PowerPoint update on payroll, the new finance software system, and communications to staff. They answered questions brought forward by the Board.



Business (Action Items)

1. Academy for Charter Education (ACE) Annual Report- 5 year Charter Renewal *Action*

Ms. Sahnou shared a PowerPoint showcasing the ACE Charter.

Board Member Taddei motioned to approve the ACE annual report/Charter Renewal, with Board Member Hodgkinson seconding the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

2. Budget Committee Member (Position 6) Appointment

Board Member Duerst-Higgins motioned to appoint Brittney Stewart to the Position 6 Budget Committee Member opening, with Board Member Jeff Gowing seconding the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Resolution Proclamation Classified Appreciation March 4-8

Chairman Wilhour read the proclamation, asking all to celebrate our staff.

Chairman Wilhour called a 10-minute break and moved to the Executive Session.

Executive Session

Executive Session-Deliberations with Labor Negotiator-ORS 192-660 (2)(d)

To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations. This does not include the negotiations themselves; labor negotiations between the board and union are held in open session unless both parties agree to an executive session.

Chairman Wilhour closed the Executive Session at 8:32 pm. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Upcoming Dates

- March 11, 2024 Zoom for Yvonne Superintendent Goals Progress
- March 18, 2024, Executive Session
- April 8, 2024, Board Regular Session
- April 15, 2024, Budget Committee Meeting

Board Committee and School Events Reports & Future Agenda Item Requests

Click the link above to view the Board of Directors' reports.

Adjournment

Chairman Wilhour adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm

Meeting minutes were prepared by Tonya Kerns, Secretary of the Board.

Taylor Wilhour, Board Chair

Dr. Yvonne Curtis, Superintendent